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## CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from 1965-66 to November 1967 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

| Period  | Chickens,<br>(i.e. Broilers,<br>Fryers, or<br>Roasters) | Hens<br>and<br>Stags | Ducks<br>and<br>Drakes | Turkeys | Total  |
|---|---|----------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)                           |   |                      |                        |         |        |
| 1965-66   | 2,716   | 197                  | 52                     | 20      | 2,985  |
| 1966-67   | 3,682   | 192                  | 59                     | 28      | 3,962  |
| 1966 - Sept. Qr                                     | 853   | 45                   | 9                      | 10      | 918    |
| Dec. Qr   | 879   | 48                   | 14                     | 5       | 946    |
| 1967 - Mar. Qr                                      | 933   | 39                   | 17                     | 4       | 993    |
| June Qr   | 1,018   | 60                   | 19                     | 8       | 1,105  |
| Sept. Qr  | 1,041   | 66                   | 5                      | 6       | 1,119  |
| September   | 382   | 27                   | 1                      | 1       | 411    |
| October   | 297   | 39                   | 2                      | 1       | 338    |
| November  | 347   | 27                   | 2                      | 1       | 377    |
| LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)        |   |                      |                        |         |        |
| 1965-66   | 8,553   | 970                  | 304                    | 257     | 10,084 |
| 1966-67   | 12,011  | 984                  | 336                    | 397     | 13,727 |
| 1966 - Sept. Qr                                     | 2,738   | 229                  | 50                     | 158     | 3,177  |
| Dec. Qr   | 2,892   | 248                  | 75                     | 68      | 3,283  |
| 1967 - Mar. Qr                                      | 3,025   | 191                  | 97                     | 60      | 3,373  |
| June Qr   | 3,356   | 316                  | 113                    | 110     | 3,894  |
| Sept. Qr  | 3,459   | 337                  | 30                     | 92      | 3,918  |
| September   | 1,267   | 137                  | 8                      | 12      | 1,424  |
| October   | 953   | 182                  | 10                     | 9       | 1,153  |
| November  | 1,165   | 144                  | 9                      | 11      | 1,329  |
| DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b) |   |                      |                        |         |        |
| 1965-66   | 6,447   | 653                  | 209                    | 187     | 7,496  |
| 1966-67   | 9,167   | 667                  | 235                    | 295     | 10,363 |
| 1966 - Sept. Qr                                     | 2,072   | 157                  | 37                     | 120     | 2,385  |
| Dec. Qr   | 2,215   | 169                  | 53                     | 51      | 2,488  |
| 1967 - Mar. Qr                                      | 2,259   | 132                  | 67                     | 46      | 2,504  |
| June Qr   | 2,621   | 209                  | 78                     | 79      | 2,986  |
| Sept. Qr  | 2,694   | 225                  | 23                     | 70      | 3,012  |
| September   | 1,003   | 92                   | 6                      | 9       | 1,109  |
| October   | 713   | 121                  | 7                      | 7       | 849    |
| November  | 890   | 98                   | 6                      | 8       | 1,003  |

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (584 geese with live weight of 5,521 lb and dressed weight of 4,012 lb were slaughtered during 1966-67).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.



TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

| Particulars  | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | Quarter Ended |              |              |              |               | Sept.<br>1967 | Oct.<br>1967 | Nov.<br>1967 |
|--|---------|---------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|  |         |         | Sept.<br>1966 | Dec.<br>1966 | Mar.<br>1967 | June<br>1967 | Sept.<br>1967 |               |              |              |
|  | '000    |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -   |         |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Meat strains                                       | 5,089   | 6,215   | 1,460         | 1,501        | 1,575        | 1,678        | 1,799         | 624           | 603          | 644          |
| Egg strains  | 4,464   | 5,352   | 2,842         | 671          | 514          | 1,326        | 2,610         | 666           | 361          | 309          |
| Total eggs   | 9,553   | 11,567  | 4,302         | 2,172        | 2,089        | 3,004        | 4,409         | 1,290         | 965          | 953          |
| Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for - |         |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Chicken meat -                                     |         |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Meat strains - unsexed                             | 3,501   | 4,383   | 1,063         | 1,066        | 1,057        | 1,197        | 1,233         | 472           | 386          | 413          |
| Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels     | 274     | 230     | 102           | 71           | 27           | 31           | 68            | 26            | 21           | 10           |
| Egg production -                                   |         |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Egg strains (b) - pullets                          | 1,525   | 1,925   | 1,015         | 384          | 149          | 377          | 1,009         | 367           | 189          | 143          |
| Breeding -   |         |         |               |              |              |              |               |               |              |              |
| Egg strains - pullets                              | 70      | 89      | 59            | 9            | n.a.         | n.a.         | n.a.          | n.a.          | n.a.         | n.a.         |
| cockerels  | 8       | 13      | 7             | 3            | n.a.         | n.a.         | n.a.          | n.a.          | n.a.         | n.a.         |
| Total chicks (c)                                   | 5,378   | 6,642   | 2,246         | 1,533        | (d)1,233     | (d)1,605     | (d)2,311      | (d)865        | (d)596       | (d)565       |

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 9,200 for November 1967.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes, where figures are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication

- Nil or less than half the final digit.

